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COUNTY PARTNERS WITH ENTECH TO DONATE COMPUTERS
Non-Profits to Benefit from Repurposed Equipment

Waukesha, WIS. – Waukesha County will donate 47 personal computers, monitors and keyboards to ENTECH on Thursday, February 15 for repurposing and gifting to local non-profit agencies in need of new technology.

The equipment was made available when the state replaced personal computers in the District Attorney's Office as part of the installation of a new statewide system called Protect.

County policy allows for the donation of retired computer equipment to area non-profit organizations, but due to licensing issues, the technology cannot be given with operating systems or preloaded software.

ENTECH conducts a program where it accepts such donations of technology equipment from various organizations in the Greater Milwaukee area. It then refurbishes equipment as needed, often installing licensed or open source operating systems. This equipment is then distributed free of cost to area nonprofit organizations.

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"I am truly pleased that ENTECH can help Waukesha County repurpose its replaced computer equipment," said County Executive Dan Vrakas. "This donation will help some of the non-profits in Waukesha County obtain the technology needed to make them operate more efficiently."

Praveen Krishnamurti, Director of ENTECH, said "The donation from the County is very welcomed. It provides us an opportunity to help non-profit agencies who might otherwise lack access to such computer equipment."

ENTECH has been working with non-profits since 1999 under an initiative set forth by the Nonprofit Management Fund. In 2001 it became a part of the Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM). ENTECH's mission is to enable nonprofit organizations to use knowledge, strategies and options that strengthen their information technology capacity to further their organizational mission.

In addition to distributing donated computers to non-profit organizations, ENTECH offers technology assessments, workshops, access to its on-line resources and consulting services. It also conducts research in collaboration with various UWM departments, particularly the Center for Urban Initiatives and Research.

In order to get the 47 computers, monitors and keyboards from a County facility to the desired facility at UWM, Fairway Transit, Inc. of Pewaukee will provide transportation assistance.

"I am glad that Fairway Transit could offer its services to help transport the equipment to Milwaukee," stated Pauline Jaske, the company's president. "We have been in business for more than 40 years, and we feel that it is important to give back to the community. It is exciting to help transport this equipment because I know that Waukesha County non-profit organizations will benefit from it."

For more information about Waukesha County's technology donation policy, please call IT Manager Mike Biagioli at (262) 548-7610. Additional information about ENTECH can be found on-line at www.entech.org or by calling (414) 229-2913.

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